# USDA Child Nutrition Programs Administrative Review Summary Report

School Food Authority: Drummond Area School District Agency Code: 41491

School(s) Reviewed: Drummond Elementary School

Review Date(s): May 22-24, 2018 Date of Exit Conference: 5/24/18

State agencies (SA) are required to conduct administrative reviews to assess School Food Authority (SFA)'s administration of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), and other school nutrition programs. The objectives of the Administrative Reviews are to:

Determine whether the SFA meets program regulations,

- Provide technical assistance,
- Secure needed corrective action,
- Assess fiscal action, and when applicable, recover improperly paid funds.

# **General Program Reminders/Updates:**

- The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) School Nutrition Team (SNT) conducts School
  Nutrition Skills Development Courses (SNSDC) each summer in various locations around the
  state at no charge. Courses cover many areas of the school nutrition programs including
  administrative responsibilities, program basics, meal pattern requirements and menu planning,
  financial management, professional standards, meal benefit determination process,
  procurement, and many other topics. More information along with other upcoming trainings
  and webinars can be found on the Wisconsin DPI <u>School Nutrition Training</u> webpage
  (dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/training).
- SFA staff are encouraged to pursue GOALS Certification. GOALS stands for Goal Oriented Achievement Learning Skills. This is a certificate endorsed by the DPI and is obtained by completing training in nutrition, program administration and operations, and communications and marketing. For more information go to the Wisconsin DPI <a href="School Nutrition Training">School Nutrition Training</a> webpage (dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/training/goal-oriented-achievement-learning-skills).
- The US Department of Agriculture has a toolkit of resources to assist schools in meeting the
  nutrition standards on their <u>Healthier School Day: The School Day Just Got Healthier</u> webpage.
  The topics covered include Smart Snacks, offering fruits and vegetables, reducing sodium, and
  serving whole grain-rich products (http://www.fns.USDA.gov/healthierschoolday).
- The Smarter Lunchrooms Movement encourages schools to implement low-cost and no-cost lunchroom solutions to help students' select healthier meal options (http://smarterlunchrooms.org). Smarter Lunchroom techniques are easy to begin implementing and do help encourage student consumption of fruits, vegetables, legumes, non-flavored milk, and other healthful choices. These strategies are effective and research-based. Consider trying the Smarter Lunchroom techniques for increasing consumption of white milk (https://www.smarterlunchrooms.org/scorecard-tools/smarter-lunchrooms-strategies#Milk).

### Appreciation/Commendations/Noteworthy Initiatives:

Thank you to the staff at Drummond for the courtesies extended to us during the on-site review. Thank you for being available when answering questions and providing additional information. All were very receptive to recommendations and guidance. In addition, thank you for taking the time to respond to the off-site questions and requests, as well as pulling records for the on-site portion of the review.

#### **REVIEW AREAS**

#### 1. MEAL ACCESS AND REIMBURSEMENT

### **Certification and Benefit Issuance**

# **Commendations/Comments/Technical Assistance/Compliance Reminders**

## Free and Reduced Price Meal Applications

- Applications must be reviewed in a timely manner. An eligibility determination must be made, the family notified of its status, and the status implemented within 10 operating days of the receipt of the application.
- Children are eligible for free or reduced price meal benefits on the date their eligibility is determined by the Determining Official.
- All free/reduced applications and the direct certification runs were available for review. All
  applications have been approved and students are receiving the benefits they have been
  determined eligible for.
- When an application only has one frequency of payment indicated for all of their reported incomes on the application, the income should not be converted to annual, but using the <a href="Income Eligibility Guidelines">Income Eligibility Guidelines</a> one would look at the amount of their income under the column indicating that frequency (i.e., weekly, twice monthly, every two weeks, monthly, annually) (https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/school-nutrition/pdf/income-eligibility-guidelines-1718.pdf).
- When a household has income in addition to a loss from a business, that income must be included on the free and reduced application in full and is not offset by the business loss. A business loss (negative dollar amount) would become \$0 for the income on the application.

### Household Size Box

• The total household member size box (Step 3G) includes all children and adults in the household and must match the number of names on the application for the application to be considered complete.

## **Incomplete Applications**

Any application that is missing required information, contains inconsistent information, or is
unclear is considered an incomplete application and may not be determined until clarified. The SFA
may return the application to the household or contact the child's parent or guardian either by
phone or in writing/email. The determining official should document the details of the
conversation plus date and initial. Applications missing signatures must be returned to the parent
to obtain. Reasonable effort should be made to obtain the missing information prior to denying the
application.

### Findings and Corrective Action Needed: Certification and Benefit Issuance

☐ **Finding:** It was found that one application was determined wrong. An incorrect household number was entered into the software program, and the result was a Reduced Status. When the correct household number was entered in, the result was a Free status.

**Corrective Action Needed:** Send the Adverse Action Letter to the family, explaining that an error was found during the Administrative Review, and the correction was made to the family's meal account to show the Free status. The district also chose to refund the \$55.00 that was paid in to the family. It was not taken out of the Food Service Fund 50. Documentation was saved to show the action taken here. The corrective action will be to watch the Free and Reduced Webcast on our DPI website, and also Processing Applications. The links are provided below. Submit a statement explaining that you understand the processing of an application.

☐ Finding: It was also found that the application had no information recorded on the reverse side by the school, where it says "School Use Only". They were all blank. This is considered an "incomplete" application. There is language listed above regarding incomplete applications.

**Corrective Action Needed:** As stated in the above corrective action, be sure to watch the webcast for Free and Reduced Applications to fully understand a complete application, and the necessary areas to be filled in. Submit a statement explaining how you understand to fill in the reverse side of the application.

You can watch the video once, and submit a statement with two explanations listed on it. Filling out the Household Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals Processing Applications and Direct Certification in Free/Reduced Price Meal Eligibility

## **Verification**

# <u>Commendations/Comments/Technical Assistance/Compliance Reminders</u>

Verification was done correctly and the report was submitted before the deadline.

# **Meal Counting and Claiming**

### 2. MEAL PATTERN AND NUTRITIONAL QUALITY

#### **Commendations**

Thank you to the food service staff at Drummond Area School District for providing documentation prior to the review and while on-site. The food service director was friendly, helpful and asked good questions to help better her understanding of meal pattern requirements. Your dedication to serving students makes a difference! Offer versus serve was well implemented during all observed meal services. Pleasant and friendly interactions were observed between food service staff, school staff, and students. The kitchen is very clean and well maintained. Drummond Area School District is a forward thinking program, with the hoop house to supply leafy greens year round to students on the garden bar, signage to promote food waste and recycling, and vegetarian options on the menu daily.

### Comments/Technical Assistance/Compliance Reminders

**New Information** 

• State Superintendent Evers recently shot a short video highlighting the importance of healthy eating, physical activity, and overall school <u>wellness</u> (https://dpi.wi.gov/wisconsin-school-meals-rock/videos).

 Also DPI School Meals Rock has just launched a <u>New Tool Kit</u> to assist schools to promote their food and nutrition programs to parents, educators, and administrators. (https://dpi.wi.gov/wisconsin-school-meals-rock/school-nutrition-professionals/school-nutrition-outreach-toolkit)

# **Training**

- It is recommended that anyone involved with the School Meals Program attend DPI training classes. The classes are offered in the summer and select other times throughout the year. Travel/meal expenses are allowable food service expenses for your program.
- The classes provide an overview of all areas of the NSLP and SBP requirements including verification, free/reduced meal applications, meal pattern, and record keeping requirements.
- Information on upcoming trainings can be found on DPI's <u>Training Page</u> (https://dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/training#up).
- Numerous webcasts are also available, which cover a wide array of topics including:
  - <u>Standardized Recipes</u> (https://dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/training/webcasts#sr)
  - Offer Versus Serve (https://dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/training/webcasts#cyc)
  - These can be found on DPI's <u>Webcast Page</u>
     (https://dpi.wi.gov/schoolnutrition/training/webcasts)
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture encourages schools to utilize <u>Smarter Lunchroom</u> (https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/school-nutrition/pdf/wp\_ch6.pdf) techniques to encourage students to make healthy food choices.
- Smarter Lunchrooms use research-based principles that lead children to make healthy choices but still offer a full spectrum of choice. All Smarter Lunchroom techniques are low- or no-cost, sustainable, and focus on improving the lunchroom environment to promote healthful eating behaviors. <a href="mailto:Smarter Lunchrooms">Smarter Lunchrooms</a> Strategies (https://www.smarterlunchrooms.org/scorecardtools/smarter-lunchrooms-strategies)

### **New Equipment Grants**

- The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) distributes funding annually to State Agencies (SAs) to award equipment assistance grants to eligible School Food Authority's (SFA's) participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).
- Priority for this grant is given to schools that have not received similar USDA equipment grants in the past and have 50% or higher free and reduced-price eligibility. Requested equipment must cost more than the SFA's definition of capitalization threshold or \$5,000, whichever is less.
- More information can be found on the <u>Equipment Grant Opportunities</u> webpage (https://dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/grants-opportunities/equipment-grant).

#### Signage

- The National School Lunch Program regulation at 7 CFR 210.10(a) (2) requires that schools identify, near or at the beginning of serving lines, what constitutes the unit priced reimbursable meals at breakfast and lunch.
- When implementing Offer versus Serve (OVS), schools must also identify what a student must select in order to have a reimbursable meal.

 Drummond Area School District has great signage and even an appropriately themed mural in their cafeteria. The garden bar is currently being used to meet meal pattern requirements and it is encouraged to place signage in this location as well. The garden bar is an excellent opportunity to help educate students on proper portion sizes. Please watch for signage coming soon on the DPI web page.

# **Dietary Specifications**

- In May 2017, the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture announced schools must continue to meet Sodium Target 1 for school year 2017-2018. USDA recognizes that even though great progress has been made, schools and industry expressed the need for additional time and assistance to effectively achieve changes in the school meal patterns, including those related to sodium.
- At the same time, the WI DPI encourages schools to "keep in mind the best interests of the students and provide our school children with the most healthful and nutritious meals possible."
- Please continue to be aware of the sodium content of the processed foods which are purchased.

# Findings and Corrective Action Needed: Meal Pattern and Nutritional Quality

#### **Production Records**

- Planned portion sizes are required for every meal component. Even in self-service, the menu planner must plan a specific portion size that he or she intends students to take
- The following are the two new production record templates recently added to the DPI web page. The two templates are exactly the same, but the way in which each of the forms can work for the FSD is a bit different.
  - <u>Excel Production Records</u> which can be filled in on the computer and saved. The
    completed forms can then be changed as items/recipes change. These forms can then be
    printed and used daily. (https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/schoolnutrition/xls/production-record-lunch-three-grade-groups.xlsx)
  - Word Production Records can be used the way existing forms are used, printed and filled out daily by hand before and after meal service.(https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/school-nutrition/pdf/production-record-lunch-three-grade-groups.pdf
- Production record <u>Must Haves and Nice to Haves</u> to help complete forms daily. The purpose of
  production records is to assist with forecasting, ordering, menu planning, reducing food waste,
  and daily prep (https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/school-nutrition/pdf/productionrecord-requirements.pdf).
- A refresher <u>Production Record</u> directions can help inspire you to complete your production records with others in mind (https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/schoolnutrition/pdf/production-record-instructions.pdf).

### Standardized Recipes

- Standardized recipes are required for all menu items that have more than one ingredient.
- Recipe standardization is very important to ensure that each meal is consistently planned to meet the daily and weekly requirements.
- The <u>Standardized Recipe Template</u> can be used for all of the old, tried and true recipes you currently possess. Anyone should be able to come into the kitchen and produce the planned

meal using the completed production records and standardized recipes. (https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/school-nutrition/doc/recipe-template-multiple.doc)

#### Milk Counts

- Milk is a required component as part of the National School Lunch Program. You must record daily usage by milk type on your production records.
- If it becomes too time- or labor-intensive to record milk usage by type on production records, you may consider using a milk recipe.
- A milk recipe is documentation of average milk usage by meal (breakfast or lunch) and grade group. When a milk recipe is on file, total milk usage must still be recorded on production records.
- Milk recipes must be updated twice per year or when you notice that students' preferences have changed.
- You can find instructions and a milk recipe template on our <u>Meal Pattern Components</u> webpage, under the milk heading (https://dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/national-school-lunch-program/menu-planning/meal-pattern#milk).
- ☐ Finding #1: Production records are required to document that food meeting the meal pattern was served in the appropriate serving sizes, current production records are outdated and not being completed properly. Please update the current production record or use the DPI's new production record.
  - Corrective Action Needed: Submit 5 days of your choosing using an updated production record with all area filled out properly.
- ☐ Finding #2: Milk was not being properly documented on production records
  - Corrective Action Needed: Document current milk usage on production records, submit with Finding #1.
- ☐ Finding #3: Standardized Recipes are not being used.
  - Corrective Action Needed: Submit standardized recipes (one for each flavor) for the muffins served at breakfast during the week of review

### **SMART SNACKS**

# **Comments/Technical Assistance/Compliance Reminders**

- The Smart Snacks Final Rule, published in the Federal Register on July 29, 2016, finalized science-based nutrition guidelines for competitive foods sold on the school campus during the school day.
- Foods and beverages sold in schools must meet both the general standards and nutrient standards unless the sales qualify for an exemption. You can find more information on our <a href="Smart Snacks">Smart Snacks</a> webpage (https://dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/national-school-lunch-program/smart-snacks).
- In May of 2015 an Administrative Review was conducted by the SNT. A finding/corrective action was required. In the ensuing three years since, the completed corrective action has fallen

- away. It is encouraged that all school staff be informed of the Smart Snacks rules and that proper documentation be kept.
- Record keeping forms and *Smart Snacks in a Nutshell* were left onsite with Technical Assistance given regarding the usage of forms and benefits of compliance.

# **Buy America**

- The USDA requires that a SFA purchase, to the maximum extent practicable, domestic commodities or products. Using food products from local sources supports the local economy, small local farmers and provides healthy choices for children in the school meal programs.
- The Buy American provision is required whether food products are purchased by SFAs or entities that are purchasing on their behalf.
- The Buy American provision should be included in solicitations, contracts, and product specifications. A reply offer to comply with Buy American terms in a solicitation ensures contractors are aware of Buy American requirements. Furthermore, bidder assurance of the Buy American provision ensures that the bidder is responsive and responsible to the solicitation.

There are 4 pieces of information per non-compliant item that must be recorded on the Buy American Non-Compliant Product list of your choosing:

- 1. Date
- 2. Name of product
- 3. Country of origin
- 4. Reason
  - a. Cost analysis
  - b. Seasonality-record the months that the domestic product is not available
  - c. Availability
  - d. Substitution-record the reason the distributor substituted the product
  - e. Distribution- record the reason the distributor carries the non-domestic product
  - f. Other-explain

You may record additional information if you find it beneficial.

- A suggested template and more information can be found on the <u>Buy American</u> webpage under Buy American Noncompliant Product list (word doc) (https://dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/procurement/buy-american).
- For products with <u>No Country of Origin</u> this document should be used. (https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/school-nutrition/doc/buy-american-attestation.docx) Technical Assistance was provided onsite, no further action is needed.

### 3. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

### Nonprofit School Food Service Account

# <u>Commendations/Comments/Technical Assistance/Compliance Reminders</u>

### Annual Financial Report (AFR):

- All revenues including reimbursements and student payments, and expenses including food, labor, equipment, purchased services, and other need to be entered into the program to which they belong, and this will aid the school in calculating its "yearly" reference period for nonprogram food compliance which is highly recommended. The new 16-17 Annual Financial Report instructions are located on our website (https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/school-nutrition/pdf/annual-financial-report-instructions.pdf).
- When a student deposits funds in their lunch account which will be used for meal purchases, the amount received is not treated as revenue until the meal has actually been served to the student. The amount of funds on hand in student accounts is treated as a deposit or liability account in either the foodservice fund (Fund 50) or the general fund (Fund 10) until the meal is served at which point the deposit account is converted to revenue. This amount should not be recorded as revenue, or part of the fund balance on your Annual Financial Report.
- The ending balance on June 30 from the previous year needs to be the beginning balance on July 1 for the current year.
- The ending balance, on June 30, can never be a negative balance. A transfer must be made from the non-federal funds to bring the ending balance to \$0.00.
- The school food service fund may not have an ending fund balance in excess of 3 month operating expenses, as this is considered "Excess Cash Balance".
- These categories of the AFR that should be addressed when tracking revenues and expenditures include:
  - Expenses for paper supplies, chemicals, thermometers, etc., should be reported under "Other". Only expenses for edible food items and beverages should be reported under "Food".
  - "Equipment" should reflect major purchases of equipment. Utensils, pans, smaller equipment such as a cart, etc., should be reported under "Other".
  - o Under "Purchases Services" you should be reporting any time you pay someone for services provides such as equipment repair and health inspections.
  - Under "Ala Carte", you should be reporting the expenses for any food items served to students that are not claimed as part of the reimbursable meal. Revenues and expenses from adult meals would also be included here.
  - When revenues are recorded from the federal reimbursement payments, you want to make sure that you are recording the full reimbursement based on the printed claim form and not what is actually deposited into your account. As you will note on the claim, there may be money deducted from shipping, handling and processing fees for USDA Foods. The amount deducted from your revenue should be reported as a food expenditure.

#### Allowable Costs

- The nonprofit school food service account is to be used for the operation of the school meal program including food, supplies, equipment and personnel.
- The nonprofit school food service account may not be used to purchase land and/or buildings unless approved by FNS.
- Allowable costs are defined in 2 CFR 200 Subpart E and should be necessary, reasonable and allocable. More information on allowable costs can be found within the <a href="Indirect Costs guidance">Indirect Costs guidance</a> (http://dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/national-school-lunch-program/financial).
- Bad debt is an unallowable expense to the food service program. A transfer must be made from non-federal funds to cover student account write-offs. <u>SP23-2017 Unpaid Meal Charges guidance</u> <u>Q & A</u> may be found our Financial Management webpage (https://dpi.wi.gov/schoolnutrition/national-school-lunch-program/financial).

### **Unpaid Meal Charge Policy**

- USDA Policy Memorandum SP 46-2016 requires all SFAs operating federal school meal programs, by July 1, 2017, to have a written and clearly communicated policy that addresses unpaid meal charges. For a snap-shot on what the policy must include, see the <a href="Unpaid Meal Charges In a "Nutshell"">Unpaid Meal Charges In a "Nutshell"</a> (http://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/school-nutrition/pdf/unpaid-meal-charges-nutshell.pdf). For a more comprehensive overview, see SP 23-2017: <a href="Unpaid Meal Charges Guidance">Unpaid Meal Charges Guidance</a>: https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/school-nutrition/pdf/sp-23-2017.pdf
  - Best Practices
  - Local meal charge policy checklist
  - Sample outstanding balance letter
  - Sample robo-call script
- Funds in student meal accounts are considered a liability until a meal is purchased. When the funds are left "unclaimed", they cannot be used to offset another student's negative account, unless paid households have chosen to donate those funds to the school food service account. All funds left in any student meal account which cannot be contacted must be turned over to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) as unclaimed property
   (https://www.revenue.wi.gov/DOR%20Publications/pb82.pdf). The DOR has rules concerning unclaimed property that must be followed

# Findings and Corrective Action Needed: Nonprofit School Food Service Account

☐ Finding: It was found on the Annual Financial Report, that there is an error in the listing of Ending Fund Balance. Upon further review, and with guidance from our office at DPI, there were two errors. One was the placement of a comma incorrectly in the dollar amount for Afterschool Snacks, Revenue, and the other error was no expenses listed for Afterschool Snack for the school year 16-17. These mistakes have resulted in the Ending Fund Balance being wrong.

Corrective Action Needed: The corrective action to be sure the Annual Financial Report is filled in correctly going forward, will be for the Business Manager, Administrative Assistant and the Food Service Manager to watch the webcast on our DPI website <a href="16-17">16-17</a> Annual Financial Report instructions (https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/school-nutrition/pdf/annual-financial-report-instructions.pdf). Each person should submit a statement of a few sentences explaining that they understand the process.

#### **Paid Lunch Equity**

# Commendations/Comments/Technical Assistance/Compliance Reminders

 Thank you for completing the Paid Lunch Equity tool each year and adhering to the pricing requirements.

# **Revenue from Nonprogram Foods**

### Commendations/Comments/Technical Assistance/Compliance Reminders

- Nonprogram foods include: Adult Meals, A la Carte, Extra Entrees, Extra Milk (for cold lunch or milk break), Vended Meals (meals sold to other agencies), Catered Meals, and Food Service operated Vending Machines.
- All nonprogram food costs including food, labor, equipment, and purchased services must be
  covered by revenues received from the sale of those foods. Nonprogram foods may not be
  supported by reimbursable meals or have a nonprogram foods loss absorbed by the food

- service account. Thus nonprogram foods may never run in the negative unless non-federal funds are transferred into the food service fund to cover the deficit.
- Nonprogram Food costs and revenues must be separated from Program food costs and revenues.
- The USDA Nonprogram Revenue Tool must be completed yearly, at a minimum. The <u>DPI Nonprogram Food Revenue Tool/Calculator</u> located on our website feeds into the USDA tool and aids in calculating prices of nonprogram foods and meeting the USDA nonprogram food regulation (http://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/school-nutrition/xls/non-program-food-price-calculator.xlsx).

 $\frac{\textit{Nonprogram food revenue}}{\textit{Total program and nonprogram revenue}} \geq \frac{\textit{Total nonprogram food costs}}{\textit{Total program and nonprogram food costs}}$ 

 SFAs that sell <u>only</u> nonprogram milk and adult meals as nonprogram foods are <u>exempt</u> from completing the USDA Nonprogram Food Revenue tool (http://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/school-nutrition/pdf/exceptions-nonprogram-revenue.pdf).

#### Adult Meals

- Adult meals are considered non-program foods. Food service programs must price adult meals above the overall cost of the meals. Since adult meal costs can be difficult to calculate, SFAs must, at a minimum, follow the minimum pricing guidelines in Food Nutrition Services Instruction 782-5.
- A <u>Wisconsin Adult Meal Pricing Worksheet</u> has been developed to assist you in pricing adult meals (http://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/school-nutrition/doc/wisconsin-adult-meal-pricing-guide.doc).
- Districts need to reassess adult meal prices annually prior to contract submission to ensure student reimbursement are not being used to subsidize adult meals. The current reimbursement rates should be used to determine prices.

#### Resources

- Nonprogram Foods Revenue Rule SP-20-2016 (http://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/school-nutrition/pdf/sp-20-2016.pdf)
- Nonprogram Foods In a "Nutshell" (http://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/school-nutrition/pdf/nonprogram-foods-in-a-nutshell.pdf

### Findings and Corrective Action Needed: Revenue From Nonprogram Foods

☐ Finding: The Nonprogram Foods Revenue Tool had not been completed for the current school year. Corrective Action Needed: Watch the Nonprogram Foods Revenue Tool webinar (https://media.dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/nonprogram-food-revenues/story\_html5.html) and provide a copy of the completed quiz questions. The tool was completed on site, however, the webinar is to be viewed and a copy of the quiz sent to DPI as part of corrective action.

# **Indirect Costs**

# Commendations/Comments/Technical Assistance/Compliance Reminders

DPI does not allow the annual assigned indirect cost rate to be applied to Fund 50 (Foodservice
account within WUFAR). For both public and private schools in Wisconsin, any costs assessed to
foodservice must be based on documented and justifiable costs for each school building as they
pertain to your school situation rather than on the indirect cost rate. This could include items such

as utilities, rent, printing and mailing services, administrative oversight, etc.

- Allowable Expenditures assessed to the food service fund must be supported with documentation for things such as gas, electricity, waste removal, fuel, water, etc. for both public and private schools. Examples of supporting documentation for costs assessed to food service fund could include:
  - Rent consultation with knowledgeable resource person on appropriate charges per facility (i.e., local reality broker who has knowledge of current rates for rent of similar facilities).
  - Utility charges separately metered or <u>current</u> usage study by the local utility company.
  - Labor expenditures based on actual amount of time worked specifically for the purpose of school food service times the employee's wages and benefits.
  - Printing/publishing documentation of actual costs or documentation to support how these costs were prorated from the district's total costs, based on volume.
  - Waste disposal services, extermination services, and laundry services documentation of actual costs or documentation to support how these costs were prorated from district's total.

# **Findings and Corrective Action Needed: Indirect Costs**

There were no indirect costs found.

# 4. GENERAL PROGRAM COMPLIANCE

# **Civil Rights**

# <u>Commendations/Comments/Technical Assistance/Compliance Reminders</u>

Civil Rights training has been completed and documented.

# **On-site Monitoring**

## Commendations/Comments/Technical Assistance/Compliance Reminders

- Every school year, each SFA with more than one school must perform no less than one on-site
  review of the meal counting and claiming system and the readily observable general areas of
  review identified under 7 CFR 210.18(h) in each school operating the NSLP and 50% of schools
  operating the SBP administered by the SFA by February 1.
- The Administrative Review Final Rule updated 7 CFR Part 220.11(d)(1) establishing the requirement to conduct onsite monitoring of the School Breakfast Program beginning in school year 2016-17. The annual requirement is to annually review 50% of schools approved to participate in the SBP within the jurisdiction of the SFA, with each school in SBP being reviewed once every two years. For more information see USDA memo SP 56-2016 (http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/cn/SP56-2016os.pdf).
- The onsite monitoring forms have been updated to include the general areas of review and a new SBP program onsite review form found on our <u>Administrative Review</u> webpage under the SFA onsite monitoring section (http://dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/national-school-lunchprogram/administrative-review).

# Findings and Corrective Action Needed: On-site Monitoring

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**Corrective Action Needed:** A copy was provided to the Food Service Manager, and she was asked to submit a copy to the DPI consultant, and keep copy for your files.

# **Local Wellness Policy**

Drummond Elementary School has a Wellness Policy, and is compliant with all requirements.

# Commendations/Comments/Technical Assistance/Compliance Reminders

The local wellness policy requirement was established by the Child Nutrition and Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Reauthorization Act of 2004 and further strengthened by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act (HHFKA) of 2010. The final rule requires School Food Authorities (SFAs) to begin developing a revised local school wellness policy during School Year 2016-2017 and full compliance with the requirements of the final rule by June 30, 2017.

At a minimum, SFAs must permit participation by the general public and the school community including parents, students, and representatives of the school food authority, teachers of physical education, school health professionals, the school board, and school administrators in the wellness policy process. In addition, SFAs must designate one or more school officials to ensure each school complies with the policy.

### Content of the Wellness Policy

The final Local School Wellness Policy Implementation Under the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 rule requires the SFA to retain basic records demonstrating compliance with the local school wellness (LWP) requirements. If no LWP has been developed, the SFA must establish a written policy. For assistance in the creation of a LWP, SFAs are encouraged to utilize the <u>Wisconsin Wellness: Putting Policy into Practice - School Wellness Policy Toolkit</u> (http://dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/wellness-policy/toolkit). At a minimum the wellness policy must include:

- Nutrition education (Recommended goals related to nutrition education include integrating into other core subjects or offering as a stand-alone course for all grade levels.)
- Nutrition promotion (At a minimum SFAs must review smarter lunchroom tools and strategies. Additional promotional activities include contests, surveys, food demonstrations, taste testing, and farm to school programming.)
- Physical activity (Recommended that SFAs offer time for students to meet the 60 minute goal, this could include recess, classroom physical activity breaks, and opportunities for physical activity before and after school.)
- Guidelines for all foods and beverages sold on the school campus during the school day (The LWP must contain guidelines for Federal school meal requirements and competitive food standards [Smart Snacks]).
- Guidelines for all foods and beverages provided on the school campus during the school day (SFAs must develop standards for foods provided to students, this includes classroom parties, schools celebrations, food offered as rewards/incentives.)
- Guidelines for food and beverage marketing (At a minimum, SFAs must restrict marketing to food and beverages that meet competitive food standards on the school campus during the school day.)
- Public involvement and committee leadership (SFAs must invite and allow for a diverse group
  of stakeholders to participate in the development, implantation, review, and updating of the
  LWP. SFAs must also identify the official responsible for oversight of the LWP to ensure school
  compliance.)

• Implementation, assessment and update of policy (At a minimum, SFAs must notify the public about the content, implementation of, and updates to the LWP. SFAs must complete a triennial assessment to evaluate compliance with the LWP, how the LWP compares to model wellness policies, and progress made in attaining the goals of the LWP).

Please refer to the USDA <u>summary of the requirements</u> for local school wellness policies (http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/tn/LWPsummary\_finalrule.pdf). Wisconsin Team Nutrition has several <u>wellness policy resources</u> available, including a toolkit, a wellness policy builder, and wellness policy report card (http://dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/wellness-policy).

### **Professional Standards**

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# **Professional Standards: Training Requirements**

- Annual training must be job-specific and intended to help employees perform their duties well. The
  required annual training hours vary according to the employee's role in the management and
  operation of the school nutrition program.
- Trainings can be provided in a variety of formats (online, in person, webinars) and through various providers (DPI, USDA, in-house, etc.).
- SFAs should clearly document all required training information and maintain that file including the
  name of staff person, date hired, title/position, brief list of core duties/responsibilities, status (full,
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  codes are not required, but encouraged. A template tracking tool is posted to our <u>Professional</u>
  <u>Standards</u> webpage (http://dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/training/professional-standards).

# Annual Training Requirements for All Staff

Directors: 12 hours Managers: 10 hours

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If hired January 1 or later, only half of the training hours are required during the first school year of employment.

#### Findings and Corrective Action Needed: Professional Standards

☐ <b>Finding:</b> The training documented for the food service employees is incomplete. The hours	
employed are not listed, nor the date of hire, nor the hours of training required, nor the dates the	e
training was done.	

**Corrective Action Needed:** Use the DPI Tracker Tool to document all training done during the upcoming 18-19 school year. Keep on file, and continue to use for training purposes.

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**Corrective Action Needed:** Watch the Offer vs. Serve Webcast to fully understand what is a reimbursable meal. Provide a statement explaining you understand what components make up a

reimbursable meal. Be aware you are required to complete training hours each year according to the hours you work in the Food Service capacity. See chart for training hours above.

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#### Water

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Water was available inside the cafeteria and at no charge to students.

### **Food Safety and Buy American**

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<u>A Flash of Food Safety</u> is a video series designed to help school nutrition professionals understand and apply safe food practices (www.fns.usda.gov/ofs/food-safety-flashes). While you're at it, visit the <u>Office of Food Safety</u> website (www.fns.usda.gov/ofs/food-safety) and explore all of the great food safety resources available to USDA's nutrition assistance program operators. Let's grow food safety!

### **Food Safety Inspections**

- Every school operating USDA School Child Nutrition Programs must have two food safety inspections during each school year: one in the fall, which is an actual food safety inspection; and one in the spring, which is a review of the site's Food Safety Plan.
- Food safety inspection reports must be posted in public view. Posting the food safety inspection report in the same location as the "And Justice For All" poster can be a convenient way to have both items publicly visible.

### **Temperatures**

 All cooling equipment must have internal temperatures taken and recorded daily on temperature logs. Posting them directly on the equipment makes recording convenient and a regular part of daily routines.

### **Food Safety Plans**

The Food Safety Plan was available for review. It was obvious in observing the food service
manager/director at work that they are very knowledgeable about food safety practices and
safe food handling. All temperature logs, calibration logs, and sanitizing solution logs were upto-date.

- All schools must have a comprehensive, site-specific food safety plan on-site which includes all process 1, 2, and 3 items, all applicable standard operating procedures (SOP), all equipment, and food service staff. The food safety plan must be reviewed annually. A prototype food safety plan template as well as template SOPs may be found on the <a href="SNT Food Safety">SNT Food Safety</a> webpage. (https://dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/food-safety)
- Only SOPs relevant to the programs and procedures for which the site-specific food safety plan is written should be included in the plan.
- The site-specific food safety plan should include SOPs for all programs and procedures utilized at the site.
- The procedures detailed in the SOPs included in the site-specific food safety plan should be followed by all food service staff, student workers, volunteers, and any other people involved in the implementation of Child Nutrition Programs at all times.
- SFAs are required to update food safety programs based on Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) principles to cover any facility where food is stored, prepared, or served for the purposes of the NSLP, SBP, or other FNS programs. This means the food safety program should contain standard operating procedures (SOP) for safe food handling on school buses, in hallways, school courtyards, kiosks, classrooms, or other locations outside the cafeteria.
- Thank you for maintaining a food safety plan which includes all process 1, 2, and 3 items, all applicable standard operating procedures (SOP), all equipment, and food service staff.

# **Food Employee Reporting Agreements**

- All food handlers must have a signed <u>Food Employee Reporting Agreement</u> on file (https://datcp.wi.gov/Documents/foodemployeereportingagreementsupplement.pdf).
- All food handlers must sign a new Food Employee Reporting Agreement form if changes are
  made to the document. While there are no requirements as to how frequently food service
  employees must sign a Food Employee Reporting Agreement form, it is the best practice for
  each food service employee to annually review and sign an agreement to reinforce the
  information contained in the document.

# Reporting and Recordkeeping

All Records are being kept for 3 years plus the current year.

### Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) Outreach

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#### Summer Meals

A goal of USDA Child Nutrition Programs is to ensure all students have access to healthy and nutritious meals year round. Even though a summer feeding program is not operated at Drummond Elementary. USDA would like all SFAs to inform families of where their students can receive a free meal in the summer months. SFAs can inform families of summer meals via the following methods:

- Promotion of the <u>summer meals locator</u> on the DPI Summer Meals webpage (https://dpi.wi.gov/community-nutrition/sfsp/find-summer-meals-site)
- Promotion of calling 211 to locate meals in the area
- Promotion of the ability to text 'food' to 877-877 to locate meals in the area
- Promotion of the USDA <u>Summer Food</u> website (http://www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks)

As part of the National School Lunch Program, it is required to do SFSP outreach. The purpose is to inform your students and families of the free feeding site(s) they may have access to in the summer while school is out of session. Near the end of this school year, it is as simple as a blurb in a newsletter

sent home to students, or putting up free posters and/or mail these items free of charge. To access an inclusive map of all potential participating sites in your area, see the <u>interactive map</u> on the SFSP website (http://www.fns.usda.gov/capacitybuilder).

For more information on Summer Feeding option contact:

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Dr. Tony Evers, State Superintendent of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, shares a vision that every student will graduate prepared for college and career. His goals are for students to have the knowledge, skills, and habits that will allow them to succeed in life after high school. Access to quality nutrition plays a major role in developing those life-long habits.

The School Nutrition Team believes that what school nutrition programs do every day plays a very important part in the success of every child being able to graduate. We all know that well-nourished children are ready to learn. Thank you for all you do to ensure your students' success.

For more information on this initiative, please visit the Wisconsin DPI <u>Every Child a Graduate</u> webpage (https://dpi.wi.gov/statesupt/every-child-graduate).

